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This bill specifies that a landlord shall approve a tenant's request to change the locks to his or her premises so long as the requesting tenant provides the landlord with a certified copy of a document specifying that such tenant or such tenant's child has an ex parte or full order of protection against a person who is also a tenant of that specific premises and the document directs the tenant who is the subject of the document to avoid the residence or the document orders the tenant who is the subject of the document not to contact the tenant or child requesting that the locks be changed.

A landlord may have the locks changed, or may give the tenant permission to change the locks, within 48 hours after receiving a request and a certified copy of a document described above. The tenant shall be responsible for the cost of changing the locks prior to the locks being changed. If the tenant changes the locks, such tenant shall provide the landlord with a key to any changed lock within a reasonable time after any lock has been changed.

A landlord is not liable for civil damages for any action taken to comply with this bill.